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SUBJECT: MEETING OF SCCN ON MAY 4- ARGENTINE VIEWS

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1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY FIGUERERO, DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN FONOFF, THAT IA ECOSOC SECRETARIAT HAS SOUGHT VIEWS OF VARIOUS LAS CONCERNING BEST TIME FOR CONVOKING NEXT MEETING OF SCCN IN ADVANCE OF PREP COMM MEETINGS FOR MTN. APPARENTLY SEDGEWICK SUGGESTING MAY 4. GOA WOULD PERFER SEE MEETING AT LATER DATE, IN JUNE, FOR TWO REASONS: FIRST, BECAUSE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION IN ARGENTINA IS LAME DUCK; ARGENTINE DELEGATES TO ANY SCCN MEETING HELD BEFORE ADVENT OF NEW GOVERNMENT ON MAY 25 WILL NOT HAVE ANY DECIDED OR WELL- FORMED POSITION. ACCORDING TO FIGUERERO, ARGENTINE DELEGATES WOULD MILDLY SUPPORT POSITIONS CONCERNING COOPERATION WITH US OR " JOINT ACTION" AND ON PROCEDURES AND MODALITIES FOR PROTECTING LDC INTERESTS THAT WERE SET FORTH BY GOA IN SCCN MEETINGS OF DECEMBER 1972. HOWEVER, HE SAID, THEY WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE A FIRM STATEMENT EVEN ON OLD POSITIONS. SECONDLY GOA FEELS THAT PREPCOMM MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR LATE MAY ARE LIKELY TO BE SHORT AND RELATIVELY NON-SUBSTANTIVE AND THAT US AND LAS WOULD ALL BE BETTER OFF IF

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SCCN MEETING WERE HELD IN JUNE TO PREPARE FOR BROADER BASED
AND MORE SUBSTANTIVE PREPCOMM MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR JULY.

2. FIGUERERO MADE CLEAR THAT HE WAS NOT MAKING FORMAL GOA
REQUEST THAT US SUPPORT, ARGENTINE VIEW CONCERNING POSTPONEMENT
SCCN. HE INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT IF US AGREED ON ADVISABILITY
OF POSTPONING SCCN UNTIL JUNE AND WORKED ON IA ECOSOC SECRE-
TARIAT TO THIS END, SUCH ACTION WOULD BE VIEWED IN FONOFF AS
HELPFUL TO GOA AND REPSONSIVE TO PROBLEMS OF PRESENT
ADMINISTRATION.

2. PLEASE ADVISE EMBASSY OF US POSITION ON TIMING OF SCCN
MEETING IN ADVANCE OF PREPCOMMS AND INDICATE DEPARTMENT
REACTION TO ARGENTINE POSITION.

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